

1. A method of displaying an image, comprising:
  - at a television set-top box, receiving an image from a video camera;
  - at the television set-top box, formatting the image for display of the image on a selected display to produce a formatted image; and
  - transmitting the formatted image from the television set-top box to an address for the selected display.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the selected display comprises a display of a portable wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance.
3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the portable wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance comprises a wireless telephone.
4. The method according to claim 2, wherein the portable wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance comprises a personal digital assistant.
5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the address comprises one of a telephone number, an email address and a universal resource locator for a portable wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance.
6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the image comprises one of a still image, a full motion image and a reduced frame rate image.

1        7.        The method according to claim 1, wherein the image comprises one of a  
2        color image and a black and white image.

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4        8.        The method according to claim 1, wherein the image comprises one of a  
5        JPEG still image, and an MPEG full motion image.

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7        9.        The method according to claim 1, wherein the formatting comprises  
8        reformatting a JPEG image for a reduced frame size.

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10       10.       The method according to claim 1, wherein the formatting comprises  
11       reformatting a MPEG image for a reduced frame size.

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13       11.       The method according to claim 1, further comprising retrieving display  
14       parameters from a database indexed from the address, and wherein the formatting  
15       is carried out in accordance with the display parameters.  
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1 12. A method of displaying an image, comprising:  
2 at a television set-top box, receiving a color JPEG image from a video  
3 camera;  
4 retrieving display parameters from a database indexed from a target  
5 address;  
6 at the television set-top box, formatting the image for display of the image  
7 on a selected display by reformatting the JPEG image for a reduced frame size to  
8 produce a formatted image in accordance with the display parameters, wherein the  
9 selected display comprises a display of a portable wireless electronic Internet-  
10 enabled appliance  
11 transmitting the formatted image from the television set-top box to an  
12 address for the selected display, wherein the address comprises one of a  
13 telephone number, an email address and a universal resource locator for a portable  
14 wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance.  
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16 13. The method according to claim 12, wherein the portable wireless electronic  
17 Internet-enabled appliance comprises a wireless telephone.  
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19 14. The method according to claim 12, wherein the portable wireless electronic  
20 Internet-enabled appliance comprises a personal digital assistant.  
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1        15.    A set-top box, comprising:  
2                an interface for receiving an image from a video camera;  
3                a programmed processor operatively coupled to the interface that formats  
4 the image for display of the image on a selected display to produce a formatted  
5 image; and  
6                transmitting means for transmitting the formatted image from the television  
7 set-top box to an address for the selected display.  
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9        16.    The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the selected display  
10 comprises a display of a portable wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance.  
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12        17.    The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the portable wireless  
13 electronic Internet-enabled appliance comprises a wireless telephone.  
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15        18.    The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the portable wireless  
16 electronic Internet-enabled appliance comprises a personal digital assistant.  
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18        19.    The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the address comprises one  
19 of a telephone number, an email address and a universal resource locator for a  
20 portable wireless electronic Internet-enabled appliance.  
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1 20. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the image comprises one of  
2 a still image, a full motion image and a reduced frame rate image.

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4 21. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the image comprises one of  
5 a color image and a black and white image.

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7 22. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the image comprises one of  
8 a JPEG still image, and an MPEG full motion image.

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10 23. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the programmed processor  
11 carries out the formatting by reformatting a JPEG image for a reduced frame size.

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13 24. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the programmed processor  
14 carries out the formatting by reformatting an MPEG image for a reduced frame size.

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16 25. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the transmitting means  
17 comprises a modem.

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19 26. The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the modem comprises a cable  
20 modem.

1        26.    The apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a real time clock  
2        coupled to the programmed processor, and wherein the interface receives an  
3        image for transmission whenever the real time clock reaches a designated time.  
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5        27.    The apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a database  
6        associating display parameters with the address, and wherein the formatting is  
7        carried out in accordance with the display parameters.

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